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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, Iowa Room 1-153, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The roll was called by Lorita Ford, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)
Chief Robert Black
Major Joey Broussard
Joe Drago
Chief Freddy Drennan
Heyward Jeffers
Lt. Col Mickey McMorris
Maj. Adam Shilling (for Lt. Col. Morris)
Susan Severance
Col. Eric Sivula
Col. Kenneth Hughes
Eric Deroche
Lee Hebert
David Benada
Robert Jump
Mike Brame (for Gary Peters)
Will Skinner (for Thomas Thibaud)
Thomas Thibaud (for Dick Gremillion)

Representing Agency:

DOA and Office of Information Technology
LA Fire Chief's Association
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Dept. of Transportation and Development
Police Chief's Association
LA Senate Select Comm on Homeland Security
LA State Police
LA National Guard
Attorney General's Office/GOHSEP
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services
Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP
Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP
Region 9 Washington OHSEP
Regional Parish Homeland Sec. & Emerg.
Preparedness Directors Comm./Reg. 5

Special Guests

Sen. Robert Barham
Major General Hunt Downer

Guest List
See Appendix A

Approval of Minutes

After review and discussion of the minutes, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting with any necessary corrections.

Recognition of Special Guests

Heyward Jeffers invited Senator Robert Barham, current Chairman of Senate Homeland Security, and Major General Hunt Downer to attend the meeting and they were both present. Sen. Barham, the new Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries, told the committee he would continue to be involved in efforts to make all first responders' communications interoperable by way of his new job. Major General Downer told the committee he is primarily involved heavily in the rebuilding of Jackson Barracks. He added that he and other guard assets would continue to work with the SIEC under the new Jindal Administration.

Curry Johnson conveyed a message from Rep. Francis Thompson, Chairman of the LA House of Representatives Special Committee on LA Homeland Security, congratulating SIEC on the progress of the committee, advising of his election to the Senate and new committee assignments, and reaffirming his avid support for the SIEC.

Technology Sub-Committee

Chief Black first welcomed Mr. Richard Silverman's assistance as Vice-Chair for the Technology Sub-Committee. He then reported from the Technology Sub-Committee which met for two hours prior to the SIEC full committee meeting on January 9, 2008. Topics on the agenda were: (1) Presentation by JPS Communications/Raytheon and (2) Request/ meeting with representatives of SIEC Region 9.

- JPS/Raytheon conducted a presentation on an IP Based Interoperable Communication Network for the State of Louisiana.
- After the presentation, discussion followed with a question and answer period and JPS/Raytheon was excused from the meeting.

- Thomas Thiebaud, representing SIEC Region 9, addressed the committee with their concerns and needs for region 9. Mr. Thiebaud presented a proposal from JPS/Raytheon for an IP Based Interoperable Communications Network for the State of Louisiana Region 9. Discussion followed.
- Motion made by Susan Severance, seconded by Richard Silverman, to accept the JPS/Raytheon IP Based Interoperable Communication Network for the State of Louisiana solution for each region, (See Attached) subject to availability of funds and subject to acceptance by the SIEC of a regional plan to implement the regional solution. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Richard Silverman, seconded by Joseph Drago, to accept, if funding is available, the IP Based Interoperable Communication Network for the State of Louisiana Region 9, (See Attached) from JPS Communications/Raytheon as submitted by Region 9 totaling \$354,743.92. Motion Passed

Supporting documentation from the Technology Sub-Committee meeting will be sent to committee members for viewing along with the draft minutes via Listserv.

Special Presentation

On recommendation by the Technology Sub-Committee, representatives from JPS Communications/Raytheon conducted a presentation on the IP Based Interoperable Communication Network for the State of Louisiana. There was a question and answer session following the presentation.

Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

Heyward Jeffers reported to the committee that the hardened construction hospital planned for St. Bernard Parish has not been placed on the Bond Commission's agenda, however the project is still planned and only Bond Commission approval for the needed lines of credit is holding the initiative up at this time.

Everything else remains unchanged as far as finances are concerned. Jeffers said he has asked the new Director of GOHSEP, Mark Cooper, to come by the next meeting of SIEC, to meet the members and get up to speed on what the panel has been up to and what its plans for the future are. Jeffers said he will also try to get the new Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman, Sen. Mike Walsworth, to attend the next meeting and brief him on where SIEC is now.

Jeffers added that nothing substantive had changed with SIEC's financial status however, funding sources still need to be examined to continue the committee's work.

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

Jeya Selvaratnam, at the request of Policies and Procedures Chair, Susan Severance, advised that work is progressing on a Standard Operating Procedure for the statewide system. The "patch" policy needs to be included in the SOP. In addition, the work of the policies and procedures committee continues to be in conjunction with the Technical Committee. The draft policy for access to the State System through a "patch" device is under review. The SIEC held an extensive discussion regarding patch devices, including the benefits and risks, and the need to mitigate the risks. Rex McDonald advised the need for a single administrator to regulate patch access to the statewide system, and requested technical support from the LANG SIEC support staff. The consensus of the committee is to proceed on a regional basis to develop procedures for use of "patch" devices.

Planning Sub-Committee

In the absence of the Chair for the Planning Sub-Committee there was no report given.

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

New Business

On motion of Ken Hughes, seconded by Chief Black, the Committee voted unanimously to allow Region 2 to add the necessary talk groups to the statewide system.

Eric Deroche informed the Committee that he has been appointed as a Louisiana Representative for FEMA Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group and due to this new commitment, he will not be in attendance at the January 23rd meeting of the SIEC.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. on motion of Tommy Thibeaud, seconded by Eric Deroche.

Appendix A1

January 9, 2008 – Guest List















STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

1:30 p.m.

Claiborne Building Conference Center
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